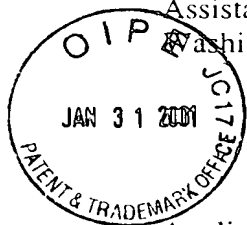


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 through 7, and add new claims 8 through 25 as follows:

8. Insulation material sheet as defined in [claims] claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that said markings are arranged with intervals transversely to the long axis of said insulation material sheet in a row and a plurality of rows is arranged over the longitudinal direction of said insulation material sheet [(1)] with uniform longitudinal intervals or with a regularly repeating distance pattern with respect to one another.
9. Insulation material sheet as defined in [claims 1 or] claim 2, characterized in that said markings are arranged with intervals transversely to the long axis of said insulation material sheet in a row and a plurality of rows is arranged over the longitudinal direction of said insulation material sheet [(1)] with uniform longitudinal intervals or with a regularly repeating distance pattern with respect to one another.
10. Insulation material sheet as defined in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims] , characterized in that said marking [(2)] each is formed by a line directed in oblique direction to the long axis of said insulation material sheet [(1)].